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CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-48. (cancelled)

49. (currently amended) A communication system capable of printing image data selected by a user device on a user side from image data to be supplied from a supplier device on a supplier side, comprising:

a printer, which includes:

first connection means for connecting to said user device;

second connection means for connecting to said supplier device via the Internet;

request reception means for receiving transaction data from said user device via

said first connection means;

notification means for notifying said supplier device of the transaction data and a model of said printer via said second connection means;

data reception means for receiving image data <u>corresponding</u> according to the transaction data from <u>said</u> the supplier <u>device</u> side via said second connection means; and printing means for printing the image data received by said data reception means, wherein said user device includes:

sending means for sending the identification of image data to said the supplier device via the Internet; and

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response reception means for receiving the transaction data, which includes corresponding to the identification of image data, from said the supplier device side, and wherein said supplier device includes:

determination means for determining whether the model of said printer, notified by said notification means, can guarantee safety of the image data; and

data transmission means for transmitting the image data to said printer, when # the determination by said determination means indicates that the model of said printer can guarantee the safety of the image data.

50. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer including:

transmission means for transmitting sending, to said supplier device, charge information in response to print by output of said printing means.

51. (previously presented) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer including;

charge information storage means for storing said charge information; and deletion means for deleting said charge information from said charge information storage means after having sent said charge information to said supplier device in case that a power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

52. (previously presented) The communication system according to Claim 49, wherein said printer including:

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storage means for storing the image data received by said data reception means; deletion means for deleting said image data from said storage means in case that the image data has been stored in said storage means for a predetermined time, or in case that the power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

53. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49, further comprising:

a management device on a manager side including management means for registering and managing said printer;

wherein said determination means determines if the model of said printer has been registered by said management means.

54. (cancelled).

55. (currently amended) A control method for controlling a supplier device on a supplier side that supplies image data, comprising:

a determination step for determining whether a model of a printer, notified by said printer, can guarantee safety of the image data; and

a data transmission step of transmitting the image data to said printer, when if the determination of said determining step indicates that the model of said printer can guarantee the safety of the image data.

wherein said printer includes:

first connection means for connecting to a user device on a user side;

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second connection means for connecting to said supplier device via the Internet; request reception means for receiving transaction data from said user device via said first connection means;

notification means for notifying said supplier device of the transaction data and the model of said printer via said second connection means;

data reception means for receiving image data corresponding according to the transaction data, which includes the identification of the image data, from said the supplier device side via said second connection means; and

printing means for printing the image data received by said data reception means.

56. (cancelled).